# **Jimmie Dyess Days 2015**

"Leadership, Sacrifice, & Honor"



# **Registration Guide**

"Making the most of your experience"
October 9-11, 2015
Barton Field

Projected Fort Gordon, Georgia

\$15.00	Staff – (includes Meals) (Please register individually; not with a unit)	Fun, Register for this Once-In-A-Lifetime Event! As Soon As Possible Please	
Free	Scout Siblings (Non-Scouts) (Sat Only)		
\$5.00	Scout Leader, Parent, or Adult (Sat Only)		
\$15.00	Cub Scout / Scout Youth Participant (Sat Only)		
\$45.00	Boy Scout, Venturer, Explorer, Adult Leader, and Webelos Camper	Sept 25*	FAST PASS AVAILABLE!
	Final day to submit pre-order JDD merchandise orders	August 31	
\$10.00	Cub Scout / Scout Youth Participant (Sat Only)	August 31	
\$30.00	Boy Scout, Venturer, Explorer, Adult Leader, and Webelos Camper	On or Before	

<sup>\*</sup> No camping registrations can be accepted after September 25th

\*\* Everyone (Except Adult Staff) must register as part of a unit by September 25th

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#### **WELCOME!**

Dear Scouts & Friends,

On behalf of the Georgia Carolina Council, I invite you to attend Jimmie Dyess Days (JDD) 2015 from October 9th through 11th, 2015 at Fort Gordon, Georgia.

Had LtCol Dyess lived, he would have celebrated his 106th birthday this year. This Camp-O-Ree recognizes his contributions to the community and our nation; we celebrate his leadership, service, and sacrifice to secure our freedom. This event will enable all scouts to share in the legacy of service he left for our Nation, interact with those who serve its citizens, and experience the vocational opportunities provided by the Armed Forces. This weekend will be a once in a lifetime experience!

This will be the 3rd Council Camp-O-Ree held on Fort Gordon in over a decade. It provides you, the Scouts, Venturers, & Explorers of the CSRA (and beyond) with a unique opportunity to camp on an active military post, interact with our Nation's finest military members, hear from distinguished civic and military leaders, and participate in a once in a lifetime Scouting event. We have lined up competitive events, lots of military displays & demonstrations, some cool training, advancement opportunities, and exciting activities; it should be a lot of fun!

We anticipate over 4,000 Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers, & Explorers to attend along with their leaders and visitors from around Georgia and South Carolina. Certainly, this event will be the highlight of our Scouting year. I urge you to register your unit as early as possible to attend. I am looking forward to seeing you there!

Yours in Scouting,

James R. Mosher Chairman Jimmie Dyess Days 2015 (fltdoc00@yahoo.com)

PS – A more detailed **Unit Planning Guide** and **JDD Program Guide** will be issued prior to the event and posted to the JDD Website – Check it frequently for the latest JDD information:

http://www.jdd2015.gacacouncil.org

## **AQUILLA JAMES "JIMMIE" DYESS**



Jimmie Dyess was born on January 11, 1909 near Augusta, Georgia. He died in combat in the Marshall Islands on February 2, 1944.

As a Boy Scout, he was a very active member of Troop 4 chartered by the First Baptist Church of Augusta where he achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. In 1926, he was one of five Boy Scouts selected to represent the Augusta area Boy Scouts in Washington DC. President Calvin Coolidge addressed the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America commending the Scouts and recognizing the great value Scouting brought to the Nation and its youth. Jimmie also met Mrs. Coolidge during this trip.

On July 13, 1928, Jimmie Dyess was vacationing with his family at a beach just north of Charleston on Sullivan's Island when a storm rolled in, bringing high winds and waves. He came upon a group of on-lookers watching one person attempting to rescue a young woman who had been swept out to sea.

Others made several unsuccessful attempts at a rescue. Miss Muller made a "last-ditch" effort to save Mrs. Holley. Upon realizing the situation, Dyess immediately went into the ocean after the two women which had carried the two ladies out almost 200 yards. After 30 minutes of apparent doom, Dyess brought the two women to shore and then aided in their resuscitation. In 1929, in recognition of his heroism, the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission awarded Jimmie Dyess the Carnegie Medal for saving these two swimmers while placing his own life in great jeopardy.

In the late 1930s and early 1940's, Jimmie Dyess served as a Reserve Officer in the US Army and then the Marine Corps. In January of 1944, Lt Col Dyess and the 4th Marine Division set sail for the Marshall Islands. The 4th Marine Division became the first group of Marines to go directly into combat from the United States and was the first American unit to capture Japanese-owned territory in the Pacific securing its primary objective, the Island of Roi Namur, in less than three days.

Lieutenant Colonel Dyess and his battalion reached the beaches of Roi-Namur on the first of February in 1944. After volunteering to be the senior officer in charge of all the troops actively engaged in close combat with the Japanese, Lt Col Dyess moved towards the area of heaviest fighting. Heading inland, two companies were "immediately thrown into combat and were soon engaged in heavy fighting."

Moving to the right frontline of the troops, Dyess learned that the fighting had trapped several Marines behind enemy lines. With dusk approaching, he quickly assembled and led a rescue party that fought through enemy lines to reach the stranded Marines. While his men assisted the wounded Marines back to friendly lines, Lt Col Dyess continued to provide cover fire. They completed the rescue just as "total darkness engulfed the battered island."

Closing in on the remaining Japanese military on the second day, Lt Col Dyess maneuvered troops and tanks inland. While moving up and down the line, he knowingly exposed himself to enemy fire in an effort to direct the fire of his fellow Marines.

Late in the evening on February 2, as Lt Col Dyess "rose up once again to observe the enemy's firing positions and to direct fire against them," a Japanese bullet struck him in the head killing him instantly. Jimmie Dyess left behind his 32-year-old wife and an eight-year-old daughter.

On July 18, 1944, the White House made an official announcement that Lieutenant Colonel A. J. Dyess had earned the Medal of Honor.

He is one of only six known Eagle Scouts who received the Medal of Honor. The others are Robert Edward Femoyer (WW2), Eugene B. Fluckey (WW2), Mitchell Paige (WW2), Leo K. Thorsness (Vietnam) and Jay Zeamer, Jr.(WW2).

Jimmie Dyess is the only American to receive both the Carnegie Medal for civilian heroism and the Medal of Honor for military heroism. His personal leadership is an example of his willingness to serve others and stands as a testament to his Scouting values, his leadership, and his willingness to preserve freedom. Those that he saved, those that he knew, and those that know of his story will always remember him for his leadership, courage, and heroism. These are all values he learned as a Boy Scout and a member of the US Armed Forces. We celebrate Jimmie Dyess and those many other citizens like him who lead, serve, and sacrifice for our communities, our Nation, and our freedom.

Lieutenant Colonel Dyess is buried in Westover Memorial Park Cemetery, Augusta, Georgia.

#### **CAMPING**

On Friday afternoon, Oct 9th, beginning at 4:30 PM, we encourage all Boy Scout Troops, Explorer Posts, Varsity Teams, & Venturing Crews to camp. With the proper leadership, all camping units can stay the entire weekend.

Webelos are encouraged to camp but must register for the event with a sponsoring Boy Scout Troop.

Sorry, Cub Scout Packs and families will NOT be allowed to camp. No exceptions.

Camping sites are assigned based on the unit's registration date - First come, first served. First units registered get the best sites!!

#### **MIDWAY**

Walk the midway and see all the exciting displays and activities (Complete JDD Program Guide to be published Mid July)

- Weapons Simulators
- Rappelling Extreme
- Shotgun Shooting
- Conservation Displays
- See cool military equipment
- M4 Rifles
- M1 Tanks
- US Marines Pull Up Challenge
- Climb Rock Wall
- Medical Command Display
- MCG Safe Kids
- Robotics Hands On Display
- US Army Vehicles
- Drug Awareness Programs

- First Aid Reaction Course
- Mobile Air Rifle
- Combative (Self-Defense) Demonstration
- -Touch an Improvised Explosive Device (IED)
- Military Working Dog Demonstrations
- Bomb Squad Demonstration
- First Aid Displays
- US Army Helicopter
- Georgia State Patrol Dive Team Display
- Georgia National Guard Artillery
- Signal Communication Displays
- NAVY Knot Tying Challenge
- Georgia State Patrol SWAT team
- Vendor displays with items for purchase

AND MUCH MUCH MORE	

#### **UNIT AND PATROL COMPETITIONS**

A variety of unit and patrol competitions will be held including an "All American Award" to the units that best reflect the theme of Jimmie Dyess Days.

We want to see all units demonstrating Scout spirit – BRING YOUR FLAG TO ALL CEREMONIES? The Unit flag is an integral part of Unit Competitions.

EVENTS will be troop, patrol, and individual based. They will both challenge and excite your Scouts. Event descriptions will be provided at a later date in the "JDD Program Guide" to help your Scouts "Be Prepared".

#### LIMITED/SPECIAL EVENTS - SIGN UP EARLY

**"RAPPELLING EXTREME"** is limited to Venturers/Explorers or Boy Scouts age 16 or older (event limit of 100 for the day). Register your unit early to assure a spot for your older scouts. (This event will be a half day program) (This activity can be applied to the camping merit badge requirement)

**"SHOTGUN / 9MM SHOOTING"** is limited to Venturers/Explorers & Boy Scouts age 16 or older. An extra fee applies to this event (currently estimating \$15 dollar for Ammo).

#### **AWARDS**

There are several awards camping Units can earn at Jimmie Dyess Days 2015. Unidentified "*Mystery Judges*" will be roaming throughout the event at all times monitoring for Scout Spirit....

# **Camping Units**

Patrol Flag Contest
Goldwing Award (Unit that travelled the farthest to attend)
Campsite Inspection
Best Campsite – Theme based
Honor Unit

# **Individual Competitions**

Pull Up Challenge Football Throw Push Ups Sit-ups And more.....

# **Troops/Crews Unit Competition**

**Ultimate** 

In July, we will publish the *JDD Program Guide* which will provide additional information and details on events, demonstrations, shows, and competitions.

Look for it at: http://www.jdd2015.gacacouncil.org

#### **MEALS**

Campers, your meals at the Fort Gordon dining facilities are included in the registration fee. You will receive three meals on Saturday and Sunday breakfast. On Friday night, please eat dinner before arriving on site; concessions will be available for purchase Friday night if desired.

CUB SCOUT and other day only participants need to bring a picnic lunch and dinner or bring cash. For your convenience, food and snacks will be available for purchase (cash only) in the Midway area 9 am – 6 pm.

# **REGISTRATION – Opening June**

Online registration is expected to open in June. Exact information will be communicated when it becomes available. Unit leaders will receive updated event information, including the detailed program guide via email using the information provided during on line registration.

To ensure proper youth leadership, registration will be UNIT-based rather than individual-based. No individual registrations are accepted. The event is held "rain or shine" - NO refunds are issued except in cases with exceptionally compelling reasons. In these cases, the Event Chairman, in consultation with the Scout Executive, is the final authority in refund decisions.

Webelos Scouts who desire to camp overnight must register for the event with a troop and have a parent (or other adult) accompany him. If a parent/guardian is unable to attend, appropriate arrangements must be made following BSA policy and the policy of the Troop you are camping with. At all times, the Webelos Scout must be under the direct supervision of a responsible adult.

<u>Everyone who attends</u> Jimmie Dyess Days (including leaders, parents, non-scout siblings, and staff) <u>must register for the event. Event participants</u> are issued an appropriately colored wristband. We have committed to our event host Fort Gordon that everyone who attends will be registered. Wristbands serve multiple purposes, including accountability, security, and meals. *Wristbands must be worn at all times!* 

The Jimmie Dyess Days registration fee for camping units who register by September 25th includes a JDD commemorative patch, a cinch sack (youth only), access to all age appropriate events and activities, and 4 meals (Sat: B,L,D, & Sun: B).

Cub Scout Packs and day visitors who register by September 25<sup>th</sup> will receive access to all age appropriate events and activities. Youth (Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturers) will also receive a JDD commemorative patch and a cinch sack.

Depending on the date your unit registered and availability, JDD patches may be delivered at District Roundtables after the event.

Important Dates to Remember				
June - TBD	Registration Opens			
Monday August 31	Registration Deadline for reduced fees - all camping units			
Monday August 31	Final day to submit pre-order merchandise orders			
Friday September 25	Final day to register for camping / add campers to existing registrations			
Friday September 25	Final day for staff registrations with meals			
Friday September 25	Last day to register for day visitors / add participants to existing			
	registrations			

ARRIVAL, CHECK-IN, DEPARTURE						
Camping Check In	Friday 4:30-9:00 pm	Use Fast Pass!!				
SPL and Unit Leader Meetings	Friday 9:15 PM (Tentative)					
Day Visitors Check In	Saturday 8:00 am – 2 pm					
Opening Ceremony	Saturday 8:45 am					
Campsite Check Out	Sunday 9:00-11:00 am					
*** Units requiring check in outside the times listed above need to arrange this in advance by						
contacting Laura Clegg (lacleg@comcast.net) ****						

## **AVOID LINES – USE FAST PASS!!** (See page 11 for details)

If you complete all registration forms and payments and finalize any additions to your registration within event timelines you qualify for FAST PASS.

CAMPERS: upon arrival confirm your unit registration with the JDD Check-in, provide any last minute program or schedule documents, and issue your JDD packet and preordered merchandise.

DAY VISITORS: you will receive your JDD info packet, wristbands, and patches before the event at orientation meetings; no check-in is required the day of the event.

If your unit did not pre-register or complete FAST PASS requirements one unit leader should check in to receive event materials and participation patches. Special check in arrangements can be made for groups not arriving together. This should be arranged in advance to minimize confusion and help make your day more enjoyable. Contact Laura Clegg at lacleg@comcast.net if you need assistance.

**STAFF PARTICIPANTS**: We encourage Scouts and Adult leaders to participate in JDD with their units; however we recognize that some will want to serve on event staff and we welcome you to do so. JDD Staff positions are open to registered Scouts, Scouters, and Adults who will not attend JDD with their unit.

The exception to this rule is for members of the Order of the Arrow: <u>Youth Arrowmen must register as participants with your units; the Lodge will manage your staff participation.</u>

Staff check-in information will be provided by your staff contact. Staff assignments will be made roughly 30 days before the event. If you have questions or need more information, please contact Laura Clegg at lacleg@comcast.net. Arrowmen should contact the Lodge Chief Reed Powell at rrp479@gmail.com.



**SPECIAL NEEDS:** Giving us advanced notice of your needs will help us develop and deliver an adequate plan to support those needs. During the registration process you will be asked about special needs, please complete the information as fully as possible. If you would prefer to speak with someone in person contact Jeff Schwab at the council office.

## **Other Tips:**

**Siblings and non-youth visitors** should bring a cloth bag or day pack with them to carry their water and the "goodies" our exhibitors may be passing out.

Bring your Smart Phone.... Our friends at Fort Gordon are developing a special *JDD App* just for us !! More information will be available in the July program guide, we expect it will help communicate event information and announcements, give maps/directions, and other cool stuff!!



<sup>\*\*</sup> GaCa Council not responsible for lost/damaged phones

## **EVENT MERCHANDISE AND T-SHIRTS**

A selection of JDD branded merchandise will be available for purchase. **Examples of past merchandise** include t-shirts, hats, cups, and more! Individuals not able to attend with their unit may still order this cool stuff... To purchase these items simply complete the merchandise pre-order form during on-line registration.

PLEASE NOTE: — There will be a limited amount of merchandise available for purchase during the event. To ensure you get what you want, use the pre-order process. Due to item delivery times, we will not be able to accept any orders or changes after August 31st.

Final designs and appearance subject to change: The images below are <u>samples</u> of past event merchandise and are provided as a <u>guide only</u>.



Extra Patch (includes button loop for Uniform wear). The patch features Patriotic, Military, and Scouting themes. Every scout registered youth participant will receive 1 with registration fees. Extras are available for pre-order.



T-Shirt Shirt is ACU digital camouflage pattern. Shirt will include an image of the patch along with a small design on the front left chest. Shirts will be available in two colors; Army and Navy digital camo. Actual silk screen images on front and back are subject to change; images shown are concept designs only, actual shirt design will be shown in the



Hat is ACU digital camouflage patter baseball style with Velcro adjustable closure in back. Featuring saluting Scout logo and "Jimmie Dyess Days 2014 text"



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**Mug** featuring the Jimmie Dyess Days 2014 patch logo. Similar to Wood Badge mug. Name engraving is not available.



Cinch Sack (Sack Pack) - 1 each provided to youth participants who register with their Unit before the September 25th deadline.



## **FAST PASS REGISTRATION**

The goal of Fast Pass is to make your event registration and check in as quick and easy as possible. Fast Pass is designed to better serve you and your Scouts. Submitting a completed Fast Pass on time will help your unit avoid standing in a long check in line.

Below you will find a checklist for obtaining the Fast Pass. Please use this page to check off the items as you complete them.

_ All units complete initial registration and payment by August 31*
 Campers complete final additions to registration by September 25**
 Day Visitors complete final additions to registration by September 25**

\*We expect that changes will not be significant (less than 15% variation). Accurate initial information is important to plan for adequate food, facilities, and program supplies for an event this large & dynamic.

Once you complete and submit these items, you will earn a Fast Pass. You will be able to pick up all items needed for the weekend at the orientation meeting (day visitors) or in a pre-prepared packet at the event FAST PASS check in station (campers).

<sup>\*\*</sup> Note: You must complete all items to obtain a Fast Pass. If you have changes to make after final addition dates above, you will need to make these changes at the "potentially long" Check In lines at Jimmie Dyess Days.

## **ORIENTATION MEETINGS**

#### WHY ATTEND ORIENTATION?

- Enables clear understanding of policies and procedures
- Opportunity to clear up program questions/concerns
- · Opportunity to make final payments and pick up event materials
- Ensures your Scouts get the most out of this event!

October 1	7pm	Kiokee River Roundtable
	-	Wesley United Methodist Church
October 1	7pm	Yamasee Roundtable
	-	1st Presbyterian Church, Aiken
October 8	7pm	Creek River Roundtable
	-	Thomson Presbyterian Church

Note to Roundtable Commissioners: Orientation Meetings will be in lieu of the Roundtable Break Out sessions if possible. Thank you.

Scoutmasters: Bring your Senior Patrol Leader...

Cubmasters: Bring your Den Leaders...

Advisors: Bring your Crew President ...

## **JDD Committee**

# Unit leaders, please contact us with your questions, concerns, or to offer your assistance!

<u>Chairman</u> –James Mosher– fltdoc00@yahoo.com

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